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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David B. Bonham on March 30, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-72 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 73-104 are allowed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Zhong 6,468,649 see 2:3-23.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUZETTE J-J GHERBI whose telephone number is (571)272-4751. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

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